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CHICAGO WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS IN JULY

About 4,934,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during July at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with the arrivals in June--amounting to 4,907,000 pounds--this represents an increase of only 27,000 pounds; however, receipts for July of this year are 742,000 pounds higher than those of July 1940. Receipts for the first seven months of 1941 amount to 37,158,000 pounds--an increase of 3,995,000 pounds, or 12 percent, over the total of 33,163,000 pounds for the same seven months in 1940.

During July 1941, 83 classifications of seafood--fish and shellfish, fresh- and salt-water--from 22 States, Alaska, and 7 Provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 2,228,000 pounds were fresh-water fish, 2,104,000 pounds salt-water fish, and 602,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 3,590,000 pounds of the total July receipts; 1,344,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports

were greatest from British Columbia, which sent in 806,000 pounds, mostly halibut; of this total 683,000 pounds were shipped in bond.

Fresh-water species received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during July were lake trout, fresh and frozen (440,000 pounds); yellow perch (411,000 pounds); whitefish, fresh and frozen (406,000 pounds); lake herring (193,000 pounds); and carp (121,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species of fish were frozen rosefish fillets (756,000 pounds) and fresh and frozen halibut (689,000 pounds).

Varities of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 340,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 77,000 pounds of hard clams; 60,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails; 60,000 pounds of sea scallops; and 27,000 pounds of lobsters.

Massachusetts (1,108,000 pounds); Wisconsin (567,000 pounds); Michigan (424,000 pounds); Ohio (370,000 pounds); Minnesota (224,000 pounds); New York (169,000 pounds); and Texas, with 155,000 pounds, were the leading States sending in fishery products to the Chicago Market.

A total of 2,206,000 pounds of fish and shellfish was delivered to Chicago by truck during July; 1,636,000 pounds by express; and the remainder of 1,091,000 pounds by freight.

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